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In re Application of:

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Before: Fred A. Silverberg
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METAL COMPOUNDS FROM
WASTE WATER

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FURTHER RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

Sir:

In further response to the Requirement for Information mailed November 24, 2003, applicant updates his response of December 24, 2003 and provides the following information.

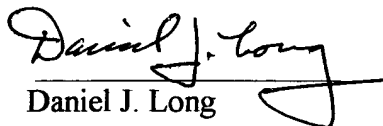
To further update the status of the Chemical Separation Technology v. United States litigation, applicant has provided the undersigned with the attached Order (1 page) which updates the current status of this litigation. (The undersigned again points out that he is not representing applicant in this litigation.) The last date of March 19, 2004 on the attached Order has been docketed, and another status update will be promptly provided to the Office thereafter.

Applicant believes that the foregoing fully complies with the Requirement for Information. If any other matters are still believed to be at issue, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned.

Applicant continues his request that action on this application be suspended under 37 C.F.R. 103(a) until the completion of the litigation. The reason for this request is that applicant

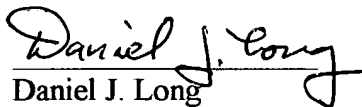
is an independent inventor and has only limited resources to devote to this application. The cost of duplicating efforts which may already be underway in the litigation may be burdensome or may be a hardship for applicant.

Respectfully submitted,


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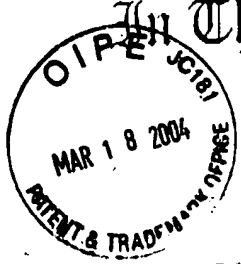

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v.

THE UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

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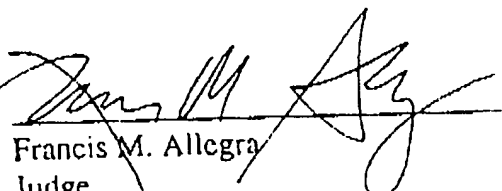
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ORDER

On December 12, 2003, defendant filed a second unopposed motion for enlargement of time for expert discovery. Defendant's motion is hereby **GRANTED**, and the schedule established by the court's October 2, 2003, order shall be modified as follows:

1. ~~1-2-04~~ On or before February 6, 2004, the parties shall disclose expert reports in compliance with RCFC 26(a)(2)(B) of any expert who may be used at trial to present evidence on any remaining liability issues under Rules 702, 703, or 705 of the FRE, to rebut any expert testimony offered by a party that has the burden of proof at trial.
2. ~~2-2-04~~ On or before March 5, 2004, any expert witness depositions shall take place.
3. ~~2-16-04~~ On or before March 19, 2004, the parties shall submit a joint status report indicating how this case should proceed with, if appropriate, a proposed schedule for the filing of dispositive motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Francis M. Allegra
Judge